

SUBJECT: Dr KUCHMA, fnu of Lviv, wul. Lenina 75/1

SOURCE: A and B

1. Subject is a medical doctor, Ukrainian, aged 45, 5'9, fair complexion, round face, blue eyes, blond, married, his wife teaches at the School # 4 in Lviv, one son - aged 5.

2. Subject and his wife approached A and B in a tramway in Lviv and indicated that they wanted to tell them something. They knew about A and B from Subject's wife who was employed as ~~teacher~~ teacher at the School which A and B had visited.

3. A, B and Subjects were on the back-platform of the tramway alone and could talk quite freely. Subject told A that he has a sister in Connecticut and wanted A to convey to her that she should stop correspondence with another sister living in PIDHAITSI, West Ukraine. He explained that after his sister in the States wrote to PIDHAITSI, not only the other sister there, but also he himself, were interrogated by the KGB about their relatives in the States. The KGB wanted to know how their sister happened to be abroad, what was she doing there, why didn't she repatriate aso. In brief, Subject and the lady in PIDHAITSI did not want to have any trouble and asked their sister to cut off her correspondence. Subject was supposed to give <sup>A</sup> the address of his sister in Connecticut but unfortunately A and B had to depart at the same time from Lviv and could not meet the appointment.

4. Subject told A that there was a forcible Russification going on in the Ukraine. Cities are being russified and as an example he mentioned KIEV where Russian was dominating the streets. He himself visited Kiev last year and just because he spoke Ukrainian all thought he was a tourist from abroad. "Actually, you go there, so you will see what Russians made out of Ukrainian

DECLASSIFIED AND RELEASED BY  
CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY  
SOURCE METHOD EXEMPTION 3B2B  
NAZI WAR CRIMES DISCLOSURE ACT  
DATE 2007

16 Apr 19  
1741 124 1742

SECRET

capital."

Lack of Ukrainian educational books and their ubiquitous substitution with Russian ones was compelling Ukrainian students to study in Russian. This was quite conducive to Russification.

There was a deliberate policy of the party to send Russian lecturers to Ukrainian universities and give them higher promotions and positions. Thus, local Ukrainians at the Universities remained for years in position of docents whereas Russians were immediately after their arrival promoted to Professors and other higher academic ranks.

There was also a deliberate pumping out of talents from the Ukraine. Not only scholars but also artists and others were sent - in one way or another - to Moscow and Leningrad. Even skilled workers are being recruited and sent to Russia. They are being substituted again with Russians.

The same is being done with students: Ukrainians are being sent to Russia and Russians come to Ukrainian Universities.

There is a strong resistance against such policy of the party "but what can you do?" There were already turmoils at Universities against Russians, there were strikes, there were protests - but the party sticks to its drive to achieve Russification of the Ukraine. Subject did not, however, believe they will succeed. "We, already, had worse times, in the past." was his final comment.